IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AMARILLO DIVISION

MUSA SIDI MOHAMED, SIDI	§
MOHAMED OMAR, and NURTA HASSAN	§
MOHAMED, Individually and as Next	§
Friend of F.S.M. and S.S.M,	§
	§
Plaintiffs,	§
	§ CASE NO
v.	§
	§
UNITED DISPATCHING L.L.C. and	§
GUARAMI KHARKHELAUR,	§
	§
Defendants.	§

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT:

I.

UNITED DISPATCHING L.L.C., is defendant in a civil action brought on April 14, 2022 in the 320th District Court in and for Potter County, Texas entitled "Musa Sidi Mohamed, Sidi Mohamed Omar, and Nurta Hassan Mahamed, Individually and as Next Friend of F.S.M. and S.S.M v. United Dispatching L.L.C. and Guarami Kharkhelauri" Cause No. 110921-D-CV. A copy of the citation on UNITED DISPATCHING L.L.C., and the petition in this action are attached as Exhibits 1 and 2, respectively, and constitute all process, pleading, and orders served on Defendant in the action.

II.

The citation and petition in this action were served on Defendant UNITED DISPATCHING L.L.C. on April 26, 2022, via service by certified mail to its agent in Bensalem,

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Pennsylvania. This notice of removal is filed within 30 days of receipt of the petition and is timely filed under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

III.

The district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction over this action based on diversity of citizenship among the parties, in that Defendant is now and was at the time the action was commenced diverse in citizenship from every plaintiff. No defendant is or was at the time the suit was commenced a citizen of the State of Texas.

Plaintiffs are residents of Amarillo, Potter County, Texas. Upon information and belief, the minor Plaintiffs resides at the same location.

Defendant UNITED DISPATCHING L.L.C. is a limited liability company with its principal place of business, now and at the time this action was commenced, at 825 Cliff Road, Bensalem, Pennsylvania. Therefore, neither the Defendant nor the Defendant's parent entity are citizens of the same state as Plaintiffs (Texas). In addition, neither the Defendant nor the Defendant's parent entity are citizens of the State of Texas in which this action is pending.

IV.

The amount in controversy in this action exceeds, exclusive of interest and costs, the sum of \$75,000.00, as pleaded in Plaintiffs' Petition.

V.

Removal of this action is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1441, since it is a civil action brought in a state court, and the federal district courts have original jurisdiction over the subject matter under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because the Plaintiffs and Defendant are diverse in citizenship. All defendants who have been properly joined and served consent to the removal of this action.

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WHEREFORE, UNITED DISPATCHING L.L.C. Defendant in this action, pursuant to these statutes and in conformance with the requirements set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1446, removes this action for trial from the 320th District Court of the State of Texas, County of Potter to this Court, on this 12th day of May, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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By /s/ Rhett J. Hubbard

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AND AS NEXT FRIEND OF F.S.M. AND S.S.M. VS. UNITED DISPATCHING L.L.C. AND GUARAMI

KHARKHELAURI

IN AND FOR THE: 320TH DISTRICT COURT

TO: UNITED DISPATCHING L.L.C.

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ATTACHED HERETO IS: PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

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> Defendants. POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS

IN AND FOR

PLAINTIFFS' ORIGINAL PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Musa Sidi Mohamed ("Plaintiff Mohamed"), Sidi Mohamed Omar ("Plaintiff Omar"), and Nurta Hassan Mahamed, Individually and as Next Friend of F.S.M. and S.S.M. ("Plaintiff Mahamed"), (collectively "Plaintiffs"), complain of United Dispatching L.L.C. ("Defendant United") and Guarami Kharkhelauri ("Defendant Kharkhelauri"), (collectively "Defendants"), and for cause of action respectfully show as follows:

T. DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN

1. Plaintiffs intend to conduct discovery under a Level 3 discovery control plan. Tex. R. Civ. P. 190.4.

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2. Plaintiffs seek damages that are within the jurisdictional limits of the Court. Tex. R. Civ. P. 47(b).

3. Plaintiffs seek monetary relief over \$250,000 but not more than \$1,000,000. Tex. R. Civ. P. 47(c)(3).

III. PARTIES

- 4. Plaintiff Mohamed is an individual residing in Potter County, Texas. The last three digits of Plaintiff Mohamed's Social Security number are 437, and the last three digits of his driver's license number are 728.
- 5. Plaintiff Omar is an individual residing in Potter County, Texas. The last three digits of Plaintiff Omar's Social Security number are 604, and the last three digits of his driver's license number are 846.
- 6. Plaintiff Mahamed is an individual residing in Potter County, Texas. The last three digits of Plaintiff Mahamed's Social Security number are 177, and the last three digits of her driver's license number are 418. Plaintiff Mahamed is the biological mother of minor children F.S.M. and S.S.M.
- 7. Defendant United Dispatching L.L.C., a foreign corporation organized and existing under the laws of Pennsylvania, whose principal office is located at 825 Cliff Road, Bensalem, Pennsylvania 19020, may be served with process by serving its registered agent for service of process at 825 Cliff Road, Bensalem, Pennsylvania 19020.
- 8. Defendant Kharkhelauri is an individual residing in New Jersey. Defendant may be served with process at his regular place of abode, 170 Rey Street, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, or wherever he may be found. The last three digits of Defendant Kharkhelauri's Social Security number are unknown to Plaintiffs at this time. The last three digits of his New Jersey driver's license number are 022.

IV. VENUE

9. Venue is proper in Potter County because it is the county in which all or a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred. Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. § 15.002(a)(1).

V. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 10. On or about August 21, 2021, at approximately 6:02 p.m., Plaintiff Mohamed was traveling west on I-40 in Amarillo, Potter County, Texas in a vehicle owned by Plaintiff Omar. Plaintiff Mahamed and F.S.M. and S.S.M. were passengers in said vehicle.
- 11. At that time, Defendant Kharkhelauri was also traveling west on I-40 in Amarillo, Potter County, Texas, behind Plaintiffs. Defendant Kharkhelauri was operating a commercial motor vehicle owned by Defendant United and pursuant to its operating authority. As of result of Defendant Kharkhelauri's inattentiveness and failure to control his speed, he rear ended the vehicle that was traveling behind Plaintiffs and pushed said vehicle into Plaintiffs' vehicle.

VI. COUNT 1 – NEGLIGENCE OF DEFENDANT UNITED

- 12. **Respondeat Superior:** At the time of the incident, Defendant Kharkhelauri was an employee, agent, or servant of Defendant United, and was acting within the course and scope of such employment or agency. Accordingly, Defendant United, is liable for Defendant Kharkhelauri's negligence under the principles of statutory employee, agency, respondeat superior, and vicarious liability.
- 13. **Statutory Employment:** Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 376.11-.12, Defendant United, has both a legal right and duty to control leased vehicles operated for its benefit. Accordingly, the regulations create an employee relationship between the employees of the owner-lessors and the lessee-carriers. As such, Defendant United, is vicariously liable for Defendant Kharkhelauri's

negligence. *Morris v. JTM Materials, Inc.*, 78 S.W.3d 28, 38–39 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth 2002, no pet.)

- 14. **Negligent Hiring, Training, Supervision, and Retention:** Defendant United, was negligent and reckless in hiring, training, supervising, and/or retaining Defendant Kharkhelauri and said negligence and recklessness was a proximate cause of the incident and Plaintiffs' damages.
- 15. **Negligent Maintenance, Inspection, and Repair:** Defendant United, was negligent in its maintenance, inspection, repair, and replacement of the commercial motor vehicle involved in the incident. Said negligence was a proximate cause of the incident and Plaintiffs' damages.

VII. COUNT 2 – NEGLIGENCE OF DEFENDANT KHARKHELAURI

- 16. At all relevant times, Defendant Kharkhelauri was negligent in failing act as a reasonably prudent driver would have done under the same of similar circumstances. More specifically, Defendant Kharkhelauri's following acts and omissions, either singularly or in combination, were a direct, proximate, and producing cause of the incident and Plaintiffs' injuries and damages:
 - a. operating the vehicle in an improper manner;
 - b. failing to maintain proper control of the vehicle;
 - c. failing to keep a proper lookout for other vehicles and in particular Plaintiffs' vehicle;
 - d. failing to drive in a reasonably attentive manner;
 - e. failing to stop prior to hitting Plaintiffs' vehicle;
 - f. failing to control the speed of the vehicle;
 - g. operating the vehicle at a greater rate of speed than was reasonably prudent;
 - h. failing to timely and properly apply the brakes;

- i. failing to take evasive action to avoid colliding with Plaintiffs' vehicle; and
- i. such other acts or omissions as may be discovered and/or proven at trial.

VIII. DAMAGES

- 17. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' above-described acts and/or omissions, Plaintiffs have suffered physical injuries to their bodies in general. Plaintiffs seek recovery for damages including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Physical pain and mental anguish sustained in the past;
 - b. Physical pain and mental anguish that, in reasonable probability, Plaintiffs will sustain in the future;
 - c. Loss of earning capacity sustained in the past;
 - d. Loss of earning capacity that, in reasonable probability, Plaintiffs will sustain in the future;
 - e. Disfigurement sustained in the past;
 - f. Disfigurement that, in reasonable probability, Plaintiffs will sustain in the future;
 - g. Physical impairment sustained in the past;
 - h. Physical impairment that, in reasonable probability, Plaintiffs will sustain in the future;
 - i. Medical care expenses incurred in the past; and
 - j. Medical care expenses that, in reasonable probability, Plaintiffs will incur in the future.
- 18. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' above-described acts and/or omissions, Plaintiff Omar has suffered property damage. Plaintiff Omar seeks recovery for damages including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Market-value damages;
 - b. Repair damages;
 - c. Diminution in value;
 - d. Loss-of-use damages; and

- e. Lost profits.
- 19. As F.S.M. and S.M.'s biological mother and next friend, Plaintiff Mahamed seeks recovery of the following damages:
 - a. Physical pain and mental anguish sustained in the past;
 - b. Physical pain and mental anguish that, in reasonable probability, F.S.M. and S.M. will sustain in the future;
 - c. Loss of earning capacity sustained in the past;
 - d. Loss of earning capacity that, in reasonable probability, will be sustained in the future from the time of trial until F.S.M. and S.M. reach the age of eighteen years.
 - e. Loss of earning capacity that, in reasonable probability, will be s sustained in the future after F.S.M. and S.M. reach the age of eighteen years;
 - f. Disfigurement sustained in the past;
 - g. Disfigurement that, in reasonable probability, F.S.M. and S.M. will sustain in the future;
 - h. Physical impairment sustained in the past;
 - i. Physical impairment that, in reasonable probability, F.S.M. and S.M. will sustain in the future;
 - j. Medical care expenses incurred in the past on behalf of F.S.M. and S.M.;
 - k. Medical care expenses that, in reasonable probability, will be incurred on behalf of F.S.M. and S.M. in the future from the time of trial until F.S.M. and S.M. reach the age of eighteen years; and
 - 1. Medical care expenses that, in reasonable probability, F.S.M. and S.M. will incur after they reach the age of eighteen years.

IX. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

20. All conditions precedent to Plaintiffs' claims for relief have been performed or have occurred.

X. JURY DEMAND

21. Plaintiffs respectfully request a trial by jury and have tendered the appropriate fee.

XI. PRAYER

Plaintiffs respectfully ask the Court to issue citation for Defendants to appear and answer and to award judgment against Defendants for all of Plaintiffs' damages as set forth above, prejudgment and post-judgment interest, and court costs. Plaintiffs pray for general relief.

Respectfully submitted,

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